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THE ROMAN EMPIRE RULED THE KNOWN WORLD HER DISCIPLINED LEGIONS BROUGHT ROMAN LAW AND CULTURE TO ALL PEOPLES IN EUROPE! BUT ROME HAD ENEMIES--ONE HAMILCAR BARCA, OF CARTHAGE, WHO HAD FELT THE MAILED FIST OF THE ROMAN LEGIONNAIRE--HE WAS DEFEATED! BUT HE HAD A SON, HANNIBAL... AND HANNIBAL WAS TUTORED IN THE ARTS OF WAR TO AVENGE THE DEFEAT OF CARTHAGE IN THE FIRST PUNIC WAR!

HANNIBAL, AS A BOY, LEARNED THE BITTERNESS OF DEFEAT FROM HIS FATHER, A GREAT GENERAL...

THOSE MEN WERE YOUR SOLDIERS, SIR! WHY ARE THEY IN CHAINS?

THEY WERE VANQUISHED IN BATTLE, MY SON! THE ROMANS DEFEATED US! THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO ROME TO WORK FARMS!

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YOU WILL AVENGE MY DEFEAT, SON! I WILL TEACH YOU HOW! YOU WILL WORK HARD BUT YOU WILL LEAD CARTHAGE TO HER GREATEST GLORY!

THE BOY WAS PUT IN TRAINING THEN -- BY THE TIME HE WAS GROWN, HE WAS ALREADY FAMED AS A WARRIOR..

HE BECAME A GENERAL OF CARTHAGE AT AN EARLY AGE...

BUT HE KNEW THE ROMAN LEGIONS HAD SUPERBLY TRAINED, EXPERIENCED SOLDIERS! HE NEEDED A NEW WEAPON -- AND HE FOUND ONE IN AN AFRICAN CAMPAIGN...

CAPTURE THE WAR ELEPHANTS -- DO NOT HARM THEIR HANDLERS!

I NEED YOUR ELEPHANTS, CHIEF! JOIN FORCES WITH ME -- CATCH NEW ELEPHANTS, TRAIN THEM FOR BATTLE!

I AM GOING TO USE THEM TO SMASH THE WALLS OF ROME! I WILL WATCH THEM TREAD THE TEMPLES AND MONUMENTS OF ROME INTO DUST!

HANNIBAL'S ELEPHANTS BECAME A FEARSOME LEGEND! IN SPAIN, HANNIBAL'S ENEMIES, BRAVE ENOUGH WHEN FIGHTING MEN, FLED BEFORE THE HUGE BEASTS...

THE SPANISH CITY OF SAGUNTUM IS OURS--THE ROMANS CLAIMED IT FOR THEIR OWN! WE WILL HAVE THE WAR I SEEK NOW!

HANNIBAL'S ARMY WAS RECRUITED FROM MANY LANDS! THEY FOUGHT FOR HARD CASH! BUT, UNDER HANNIBAL'S LEADERSHIP, THEY FOUGHT WELL...

WE ARE IN ITALY NOW--ROME CLAIMS IT AS HER DOMAIN! I WILL MAKE IT MINE!

ROME ITSELF, THE SEAT OF THE EMPIRE, WAS A CITY ON THE TIBER... ITALY, THE SURROUNDING PROVINCE, FELL EASY PREY TO HANNIBAL...

IN THE FALL OF 218 B.C., HANNIBAL WON HIS FIRST GREAT VICTORY OVER THE ROMAN LEGIONS! THE BATTLE WAS FOUGHT AT THE TICINUS AND TREBIA RIVERS.

FORCE THEM INTO THE RIVER, MEN!

THERE WAS CONSTERNATION IN ROME...

WE DEMAND THAT THESE INVADERS BE DRIVEN FROM OUR WALLS! THIS CARTHAGE BARBARIAN MUST BE DEFEATED OR ROME WILL PERISH!

HE WASN'T DEFEATED! THE FOLLOWING YEAR, 217 B.C., HANNIBAL WON ANOTHER GREAT VICTORY AT LAKE TRASIMENE! THE ROMANS FEARFULLY ELECTED A NEW DICTATOR, A CAUTIOUS MAN, QUINTUS FABIUS MAXIMUS...

GIVE ME THE TROOPS, EXCELLENCY, AND I WILL TRAP HIM!

NO--WE CANNOT TAKE THAT CHANCE!

HANNIBAL REIGNED IN THE ITALIAN PENINSULA FOR FIFTEEN YEARS--THE MIGHT OF ROME MEANT NOTHING TO THE CARTHAGINIAN GENIUS...

THE ROMANS HAVE CAPTURED SYRACUSE, O' GREAT HANNIBAL! WE ARE CUT OFF FROM OUR HOMELAND!

WE CANNOT TURN BACK! I AM SWORN TO SACK ROME!

YOUR BROTHER, GENERAL HASDRUBAL, IS DEAD! THE REINFORCEMENTS HE BROUGHT FROM SPAIN HAVE BEEN TURNED BACK!

WE NEED MEN AND SUPPLIES! THE POLITICIANS AT HOME ARE LOSING HEART!

IN 205 B.C., SCIPIO AFRICANUS, A ROMAN GENERAL, BEGAN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST CARTHAGE, IGNORING HANNIBAL'S ARMY IN ITALY! IN TWO YEARS, CARTHAGE WAS DEFEATED...

HANNIBAL WAS NEVER DEFEATED IN ITALY... THE ROMANS BEAT HIM BY CONQUERING CARTHAGE ITSELF! HANNIBAL WAS RECALLED IN 203 B.C.!

YOUR TERMS, GENERAL AFRICANUS?

YOU WILL DISBAND YOUR ARMY, GENERAL HANNIBAL! CARTHAGE WILL KEEP THE PEACE OR WE WILL SACK THE CITY!

HANNIBAL, ONE OF THE MILITARY GREATS OF ALL TIME, DIED IN EXILE IN 183 B.C.! CARTHAGE, WITHOUT A LEADER, DIED LESS THAN A CENTURY LATER!

END

490 B.C.

BRAVE CALLIMACHUS! I BRING YOU WORD! WE HAVE GAINED A VICTORY!

S.S.G. 4327

The Battle of Marathon

AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF VICTORY IN CONSTANT WAR AGAINST THE REST OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD, THE PERSIAN ARMY, 100,000 STRONG LANDED AT MARATHON,--A VICTORY OVER THE ATHENIANS WOULD MAKE THEIR DOMINION COMPLETE... AND WESTERN CIVILIZATION WOULD BE LOST! THE GREEKS OF ATHENS HAD 11,000 WARRIORS, TRAINED FROM CHILDHOOD, WELL ARMED AND EAGER TO FIGHT!

IF WE STAY HERE ON THE HEIGHTS, THEY WILL NOT SLAY US- BUT NEITHER WILL WE BANISH THE MEDES FROM OUR SHORES! WE MUST GO TO MEET THEM ON THE PLAIN AND CHASE THEM BACK WHENCE THEY CAME!

THERE WERE TEN GREEK GENERALS DEBATING ON THE HEIGHTS BEFORE THE BATTLE STARTED! AN ELEVENTH MAN, CALLIMACHUS, ELECTED WAR-RULER, ALSO HELD A VOTE! IMPATIENT TO ATTACK THE INVADING HORDE, MILITIADES SHOUTS!

I SAY WE VOTE-- I VOTE TO ATTACK!

FIVE GENERALS VOTED TO ATTACK THE PERSIANS ON THE PLAINS--FIVE VOTED TO WAIT AND BATTLE THEM ON THE HEIGHTS! THE DECIDING VOTE WAS CALLIMACHUS...

CALLIMACHUS-- YOUR VOTE WILL DECIDE THE FUTURE OF ATHENS!

I VOTE TO ATTACK THE PERSIANS, MILITIADES! AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL COMMAND OUR FORCES!

HUNDREDS OF PERSIAN GALLEYS HAD BY NOW DISGORGED A WILD SCREAMING FORCE OF HORSES AND MEN UPON THE GREEK SOIL! DATIS, COMMANDING THE PERSIANS, HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF NUMBERS... BUT THE MEN UNDER HIM WERE FROM MANY COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT TONGUES!

BUT IF WE ATTACK THE PHALANX AT THE CENTER OF THE LINE, THEY WILL MOUNT THEIR CAVALRY AND SCATTER US BEFORE WE REACH THEM!

NO, GENERAL, THEY WILL NOT!

WE WILL *RUN* TO THE ATTACK! *FLY, MEN OF ATHENS POUNCE UPON THE INVADERS!*

DATIS, THE COMMANDER OF THE PERSIANS, WAS TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE! HIS ORDERS TO HIS CAVALRY CAME FAR TOO LATE...

NEVER BEFORE HAD INFANTRY CHARGED A FOE ON THE RUN-- MOST ARMIES WOULD'VE REACHED THE ENEMY LINES EXHAUSTED! BUT THE GREEK MEN OF ATHENS WERE HARDENED WITH A LIFETIME OF TRAINING!

GET THEM ORGANIZED, YOU FOOL! THE ATHENIANS ARE *RUNNING* TO ATTACK!

MEN OF ATHENS, DRIVE THEM INTO THE SEA!

THE INVADING HORDE WERE INFERIOR IN MAN-TO-MAN FIGHTING... BUT THEY OUTNUMBERED THE ATHENIANS SIX OR SEVEN TO ONE! NUMBERS WON TEMPORARILY...

THERE ARE TOO MANY, O MILITIADES!

FALL BACK—RESCUE THE WOUNDED AND RETREAT!

RETREAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

DO AS I SAY! WE WILL WIN THIS BATTLE IF YOU OBEY ME!

THE PERSIAN HORDE ADVANCED... DATIS THREW HIS ENTIRE PHALANX INTO THE CENTER, PURSUING THE ATHENIAN INFANTRY!

MILITIADES HAD WON HIS OBJECTIVE -- THE PERSIANS WERE PURSUING THE GREEKS AFOOT -- NOW, CALLIMACHUS'S MOUNTED CAVALRY ENTERED THE FRAY!

THIS TIME, PERSIAN NUMBERS MEANT LITTLE! THE HIGHLY TRAINED GREEK WARRIORS SWEPT THEM BACK TOWARD THEIR GALLEYS!

THE BATTLE OF MARATHON WAS WON...BUT THE GREEK TRIBES WANTED TO BE SURE THE HORDS NEVER RETURNED! THEY BATTLED TO REACH THE WAR GALLEYS, PUTTING THE TORCH TO THE ONES THEY REACHED! CALLIMACHUS, THE ELECTED WAR-LEADER, LED THE ACTION!

DESTROY THEIR BOATS LEST THEY RETURN AGAIN ONE DAY!

A COWARDLY BLOW FELLED CALLIMACHUS..!

BRAVE CALLIMACHUS--YOU FELL AFTER WE GAINED VICTORY! WE WILL ERECT A STATUE TO YOU ONE DAY!

THE DEAD HEROES OF MARATHON WERE NOT BURIED IN THE USUAL MANNER--THEY WERE INTERRED IN A COMMON GRAVE AND A GREAT MOUND WAS RAISED! THEN, TEN COLUMNS, ONE FOR EACH TRIBE OF GREECE, WERE ERECTED IN THEIR HONOR!

END

DECEMBER 2, 1805

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, THE CORPORAL WHO BECAME EMPEROR OF FRANCE, HAS BEEN CALLED ONE OF THE MILITARY GREATS OF ALL TIME! AT AUSTERLITZ, IN MORAVIA, THE LITTLE CORPORAL PROVED HIS GREATNESS! THOUGH OUTNUMBERED IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE COMBINED FORCES OF AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA, HE WON HIS GREATEST VICTORY THERE!

EXAMINE THIS GROUND CAREFULLY, GENTLEMEN! TOMORROW YOU WILL ENGAGE IN BATTLE ON THIS GROUND! THE ENEMY IS THERE -- OUR POSITIONS WILL BE HERE!

YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ENEMY OUTNUMBERS US BY MORE THAN 20,000 MEN! YET, YOU GIVE THEM THE ADVANTAGE OF CHOOSING A POSITION ON THE HEIGHTS WITH US!

I COULD CHECK THE RUSSIANS HERE AND GAIN AN ORDINARY VICTORY; BUT IF I GIVE IT UP TO THEM WITHOUT A FIGHT AND LET THEM ATTACK, THEY WILL BE LOST BEYOND REDEMPTION!

CAIRO

BONAPARTE'S ARMY, 70,000 BATTLE HARDENED VETERANS, WERE ALL FRENCHMEN--HIS ENEMY WERE OF AUSTRIA, RUSSIA, AND OTHER ENEMY NATIONS OF THE LITTLE CORPORAL...

SHOW THEM HOW FRENCHMEN FIGHT WHEN THE BATTLE BEGINS, SOLDIERS OF FRANCE!

ON THE EVE OF THE GREAT BATTLE, THE COSSACKS GATHERED AROUND THEIR FIRES, A RIFLE SHOT DISTANT FROM THE FRENCH LINES...

NAPOLEON SAW EVERYTHING THE RUSSIANS WERE DOING FROM HIS POSITION ABOVE THE BATTLEFIELD...

THEIR GENERALS SHOULD BE ASHAMED--THEY ARE THROWING THEIR STRENGTH TO THE FLANK, LEAVING THEIR CENTER WEAK!

TELL MY SOLDIERS FOR ME THAT I PROMISE THEM VICTORY ON THE MORROW! THE ENEMY OUTNUMBERS US BUT THEY ARE BADLY LED!

THE EMPEROR, DESPITE THE PLEADING OF HIS AIDES, RODE OUT THAT NIGHT TO TAKE A LAST LOOK AT THE BATTLE LINES...

YOUR EXCELLENCY, THIS IS MADNESS! IF YOU ARE CAPTURED, ALL WILL BE LOST!

HUSH--YOU WANT THEM TO HEAR YOU?

HALT! HELP! IT IS THE ENEMY!

NAPOLEON AND HIS AIDE FLED IN THE DARK-NESS--THEY STUMBLED INTO A SWAMP THAT MIRED THEIR HORSES...

DISMOUNT--LEAVE THE HORSES!

THE EMPEROR OF FRANCE SLIPPED BACK TO HIS OWN LINES UNDETECTED! UNTIL A FRENCH SOLDIER SAW HIM AND MADE A TORCH OUT OF DRIED GRASS...

IT'S THE EMPEROR! VIVE L' EMPEREUR!

MERCI MES INFANTS! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT SHARPEN YOUR BAYONETS FOR THE BATTLE TOMORROW!

NAPOLEON'S PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY WHEN THE BATTLE BEGAN AT EIGHT O'CLOCK ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 2ND. HIS FLANKS WERE ATTACKED -- THE FRENCH SMASHED STRAIGHT AHEAD AT THE WEAKENED CENTER OF THE LINE..

ON THE LEFT FLANK, PRINCE LICHTENSTEIN AND PRINCE BAGRATION OF THE AUSTRO-RUSSIAN FORCES WERE LEADING CAVALRY AGAINST THE FRENCH...

THE UHLANS, FAMOUS HORSEMEN OF THEIR DAY, CHARGED! NAPOLEON'S VETERANS EMPTIED THE SADDLES WITH ACCURATE FIRE...

NOW, KELLERMAN'S CAVALRY WILL CHARGE, I KNOW -- THE ENEMY WILL BE SMASHED BACK TO THE VILLAGE OF AUSTERLITZ.!

IT ALL WENT ACCORDING TO THE MASTER TACTICIAN'S PLAN -- THE DEMORALIZED ENEMY FLED -- ABANDONING ARTILLERY AND STORES...

ON NAPOLEON'S RIGHT, 10,000 FRENCHMEN UNDER DAVOUST WERE FIGHTING 30,000 OF THE ENEMY. THAT WAS EXPECTED--AND THE FRENCH HELD...

STAND YOUR GROUND, SOLDIERS OF FRANCE! THE EMPEROR HIMSELF IS WATCHING US!

SEND THE GRENADIERS AND THE IMPERIAL GUARD TO AID DAVOUST... HE HAS DONE WELL BUT WE MUST NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH

EMPEROR ALEKANDER'S GUARD MADE ONE LAST TERRIBLE ATTACK--AND FAILED...

THE BATTLE IS WON, YOUR EXCELLENCY! THEY FLED ONTO THE LAKE OF MENITZ--OUR ARTILLERY SHATTERED THE ICE AND WE ARE TAKING THEM PRISONER AS THEY ARE DRAGGED ASHORE!

TELL MY MEN THIS FOR ME! I AM CONTENT WITH THEM--I WILL SEE THAT WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF THE FALLEN WILL NEVER WANT! PRIZE MONEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED--AND I THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICES TO ME THIS DAY!

END

July 15, 1918

THE GERMANS WERE CONFIDENT AS THEY BEGAN THEIR LAST VICTORIOUS DRIVE TOWARD FRANCE MARCH 21, 1918.' THE RUSSIANS HAD SIGNED A SEPARATE PEACE AND VON HINDENBURG MOVED THE DIVISIONS FROM THE EASTERN FRONT TO THE WEST.' BY EARLY JULY, 1918, THEY WERE ONLY 37 MILES FROM PARIS.' AMERICAN TROOPS WERE GREEN, UNTRIED.. EVERYONE EXPECTED THEM TO CRUMBLE WHEN THE KAISER'S ARMY ATTACKED.'

THE DOUGHBOYS WERE FRESH--BUT THE NIGHTMARE OF MUSTARD GAS, ARTILLERY BARRAGES, AND TRENCH WARFARE WAS SHATTERING...

POW

HERE THEY COME! *FIRE!*

POW

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VON HINDENBURG'S EXPERIENCED DIVISIONS MOVED FORWARD AT FIRST--THE YANKS HAD TO GIVE GROUND...

DROP BACK! THEY TOOK BOTH FLANKS! COME ON, I'LL LEND A HAND!

WHAM

THEY ARE USING ALL THEIR RESERVES, COLONEL! WE CANNOT STOP THEM!

GENERAL, WE DIDN'T COME OVER HERE TO GET LICKED! MY BOYS ARE LEARNING FAST! YOU AND HINDENBURG ARE IN FOR A BIG SURPRISE!

THE ALLIES--FRENCH AND BRITISH--WERE TIRED. THEY'D BEEN IN THE TRENCHES SINCE 1914! THEY WERE AMAZED AS THE YANKS WENT INTO ACTION...

BLAM

THE AMERICANS, FIGHTING WITH THE FRENCH IN THEIR SECTOR, STOPPED THE GERMANS THERE AT THE MARNE! MARSHAL FOCH WAS MADE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ALLIED FORCES AND REALIZED THE TIDE HAD TURNED...

GENERAL PERSHING, THE TIME HAS COME! WE WILL *ATTACK*--YOUR TROOPS WILL BEAR THE BURDEN BUT I THINK WE WILL SUCCEED!

THE COUNTER ATTACK BEGAN THE MORNING OF JULY 18, 1918! CRACK GERMAN TROOPS DUG IN, CONFIDENT THE DOUGH-BOYS WOULD BE THROWN BACK...

RATATATAT!

POW!

RA TATAT!

THE AMERICANS KEPT GOING--THE GERMAN TROOPS FOUGHT DOGGEDLY BUT THEY HAD TO RETREAT...

WHAM!

FINISH 'EM!

WE'VE GOT THEM ON THE RUN! HOW MANY OF YOUR SQUAD ARE LEFT?

NONE THAT I KNOW OF, CAPTAIN! BUT I'LL GO WITH MARETTI'S SQUAD! NO GERMANS LEFT IN THIS TRENCH, SIR!

BRITISH TANKS SPEARHEADED THE AMERICAN INFANTRY ATTACKING IN ALL SECTORS... BEGINNING AUGUST 8, 1918, THE ENTIRE GERMAN ARMY BEGAN TO CRUMBLE...

WHAM!

CAPTAIN, I WISH TO SURRENDER WITH ALL MY MEN!

OKAY--TELL THEM TO COME OUT WITH THEIR HANDS UP!

HEY, HOW MANY MEN ARE SURRENDERING?

MY ENTIRE REGIMENT! WE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT FOOD FOR A WEEK--WE HAVE NO AMMUNITION LEFT AT ALL!

THE ASSAULT AT CHATEAU-THIERRY STARTED IT! ON NOVEMBER 11, 1918, AT 0500, THE ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED! IT BECAME EFFECTIVE SIX HOURS LATER AT 1100...

IT'S OVER! *THE WAR'S OVER!*

IT WAS A COMPARATIVELY SHORT WAR FOR OUR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE--BUT WE HAD 364,000 CASUALTIES IN A FEW MONTHS OF COMBAT!

The End

MAR. 7, 1945
REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD

VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES FIRST ARMY CAPTURED THE LUDENDORF BRIDGE AT REMAGEN AND ESTABLISHED A BRIDGE-HEAD ACROSS THE RHINE IN ONE OF THE WARS GREAT DRAMATIC COUPS... THE VITAL BRIDGE WAS SEIZED IN THE NICK OF TIME, JUST TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE GERMANS PLANNED TO BLOW IT UP! ALL ALONG THE RHINE THE NAZIS WERE WITH-DRAWING IN FRANTIC CONFUSION TO THE EAST BANK DESTROYING THEIR OWN BRIDGES IN THEIR WAKE! THE HOHENZOLLERN BRIDGE AT COLOGNE, THE BONN AND THE ADOLPH HITLER BRIDGE AT UERDINGEN! BUT SOMEONE SLIPPED UP AT THE REMAGEN AND THE FATAL 'BREACH WAS MADE...

SPARKS! CALL ARTILLERY QUICK, TELL 'EM TO STOP SHELLIN' THAT BRIDGE! WE'RE GONNA *TAKE* IT!

GENERAL BRADLEY WAS QUICKLY INFORMED... HE REPORTED THE GOOD LUCK TO GENERAL EISENHOWER IMMEDIATELY!

HAVE OMAR THROW FIVE DIVISIONS ACROSS AT ONCE!

THERE'S A SQUAD OF NAZIS TRYIN' TO GET TO THE BRIDGE! GET 'EM!

GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY THE BRIDGE FAILED --BRADLEYS TANKS WERE DASHING ACROSS AND SMASHING THE DEMOLITION TEAMS!

BLAM

BUT THE GERMANS PUT UP A STIFF RESISTANCE!

GET SOME INFANTRY OVER HERE--WE WON'T LAST FOR...

WHAARROOM

SGT. LESTER KILMAN'S TANK WAS DISABLED AND AFIRE...

BLAZES! WE'RE BLOCKING THE WHOLE BRIDGE! ...AN' THEM NAZIS ARE STILL COMING!

BLAM!

PUSH HER OFF THE BRIDGE! WE CAN'T STOP HERE!

AT BRADLEY'S HEADQUARTERS ORDERS WERE FLYING... EVERY UNIT AVAILABLE WAS BEING RUSHED TOWARD THE REMAGEN BRIDGE!

BUT, GENERAL, MY CLERKS AREN'T COMBAT TRA...

THEY'LL BE COMBAT-TRAINED PRETTY QUICK! YOU'LL LOAD THEM ON TRUCKS AND LEAD THEM TO REMAGEN YOURSELF, MAJOR--OR ELSE!

THE TWELFTH ARMY GROUP CROWDED IN ON REMAGEN--MEN, ARTILLERY AND TANKS POURED ACROSS THE BRIDGE IN AN ENDLESS FLOOD!

AMMO TRAILER'S NEXT--GET MOVING! WAIT YOUR TURN, COLONEL--YOU'LL GET ACROSS, DON'T WORRY!

GERMAN 88'S WHISTLED IN, RIPPING AND TEARING AT THE BRIDGE AND THE MEN ON IT... BUT THE BRIDGE HELD!

THE GUNNER'S WINGED, SIR!

KEEP GOING, MAN! WE'RE ALMOST ON GERMAN SOIL!

BLAM

GLAD YOU MADE IT, SKIPPER! MY TANK'S OUT OF ACTION!

GET IN HERE--MY GUNNER'S HURT! WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT TO BERLIN!

MORE MEN, MORE TANKS, MORE SUPPLIES WERE MOVED OVER THE ONLY AVAILABLE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RHINE! THE BRIDGEHEAD WAS EXPANDED UNTIL IT WAS 10 MILES DEEP AND 25 MILES LONG! AND THEY KEPT GOING...

PROCEED TO ZEBRA SECTOR--REPORT ON ENEMY FORCES THERE!

THAT MEANS KEEP GOIN' TILL THEY OPEN UP ON US! IT'S ALWAYS THE WAY!

THERE'S A TIGER IN THAT CLUMP OF TREES, SERGEANT!

BLANG!

BULLWHIP ABLE THIS IS TRAVELER--GIVE US SOME SALVOS SECTOR FOUR, GRID EIGHTER NINER ZERO!

155 MM HOWITZERS FOUR MILES TO THE REAR OPENED UP ON THE GERMAN TIGER TANKS!

POW!

BLAM!

WOW! THE HEAVIES BACK YONDER ARE REALLY LAYIN' 'EM IN! *WE* CAN CHALK ONE UP TOO!

BLANG!

GENERAL BRADLEY'S TWELFTH ARMY GROUP DROVE NORTH FROM THE REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD...LINKING UP WITH OTHER ARMY GROUPS, THEY CUT OFF GERMAN FORCES IN THE RUHR COMPLETELY!

THIS TOWN WAS TAKEN! WE WON'T RUN INTO ANY... BUTTON UP!

BEEOW! BEEOW!

BLAM!

THAT'S IT--THROW ANOTHER SHELL IN THERE FOR LUCK! KEEP AN EYE PEELED FOR OTHER SNIPERS!

KPOW!

IT WAS NEAR THE END OF THE LONG ROAD TO BERLIN--THE ARMOR WAS SPEARHEADING THE DRIVE...THE INFANTRY MOPPING UP!

WE'RE ORDERED TO STAY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS, SERGEANT! WE PROBABLY WON'T SEE ANY MORE ACTION IN THIS WAR!

HOW COME, SKIPPER? BERLIN'S THE OBJECTIVE, ISN'T IT?

THE RUSSIANS ARE DRIVING TOWARD BERLIN FROM THE EAST, SERGEANT! THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE HONOR!

THE REMAGEN BRIDGE BREAKTHROUGH ENABLED US TO GET AHEAD OF OUR SCHEDULE...BUT OUR ARMOR DIDN'T TAKE THE CITY OF BERLIN! THAT HONOR FELL TO RUSSIAN TROOPS!

END